

# WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Hi there,

Exciting things are on the horizon for 2024!



We are grateful for another year of working with our Partners and Supporters to bring Special Education resources to communities across the globe! We have exciting things in store for 2024. We look forward to continuing our mission with you all in the new year!

*We're headed back to Africa soon!*



# What's new

*Just getting started!*

*Check back in at the start of the new year to see progress!*



Our GivingTuesday fundraiser provided shelves for the Special Education classroom at TWIC! Thanks for making this necessity possible!

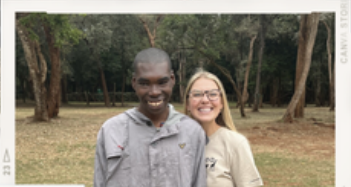
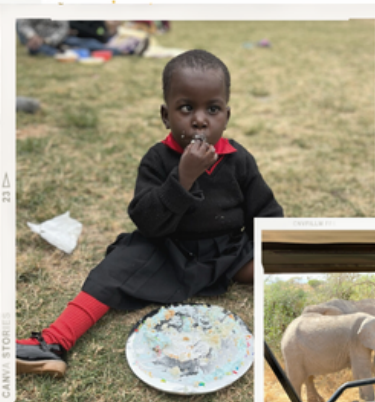


*Coming soon!*

Be on the look out for our 2024 Valentine's themed Dessert Auctions in Memphis, TN and Whidbey Is, WA! Flyer and info coming soon!

# Happy Holidays & Happy New Year

*Happy Holidays*



**We wish you a joyous holiday season!  
Thank you for another wonderful year of  
supporting our mission!**

*Love, ECI*

*Health and happiness to you and yours in 2024!*

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



# 2023 IN NUMBERS

Your generous support this year provided a new community with access to Special Educational resources; empowered a mother to bring her son out of their home for the first time in years; aided a young man in reducing self-harm behaviors; and provided professional development and parent training free of charge to communities across Kenya . THANK YOU for making this possible!

**43K**

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

**2**

VISITS TO PARTNER SITES

**3**

COMMUNITIES REACHED

**18**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS COVERED

**100+**

INDIVIDUALS REACHED





# BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

As I reflect on the year that is nearly behind us, the same word keeps coming to mind: community. We have such a wonderful community of supporters, donors, and volunteers in the States. This report just barely touches on the difference you all have made in the lives of strangers. As you read through this report, I hope you feel the impact you have made across the globe. I certainly feel it! The word community now carries an even heavier meaning to me, as we have developed such beautiful partnerships and friendships in communities in different corners of the world. The impact our Partners are making on their own communities is beyond anything we ever could have

imagined. Together, with our Partners and Supporters, we are able to continue to equip families and professionals with the necessary resources and skills to empower individuals with disabilities to be valued members of their own communities. I am beyond grateful to know that people with disabilities will continue to be championed in these small BUT mighty communities near and far. Thank you for making that possible!

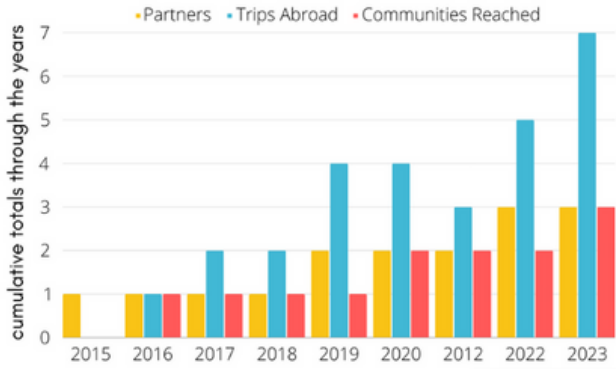
With much love & gratitude,

**LAUREN P. SPECHT**

*ECI President & Co-Founder*



## Community Impact



# OUR IMPACT

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS DISSEMINATED

Thanks to your contributions, communities in Kenya are able to receive Professional Development opportunities tailored to Special Educational needs, along with parent trainings, free of charge.



# TO DATE



## Yearly Workshop Participants

Average number of individuals who attend Professional Development Workshops hosted by ECI and our Partners in Kenya each year.

